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SUBJECT: US-BULGARIAN EXCHANGES

REF: SOFIA 0872 AND PREVIOUS

1. CU/EE OFFICERS MET FRIDAY MAY 9 WITH KONSTANTINOV; PROFESSOR TZANKO TZANKOV, RECTOR, V. I. LENIN INSTITUTE OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING; AND DR. STEFAN KOSSEV, DEPUTY COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, BULGARIAN EMBASSY (RESIDENT IN NEW YORK CITY.) THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY STOYAN DIMITROV, PRESS AND CULTURAL OFFICER, BULGARIAN EMBASSY. (POPOV RETURNED TO SOFIA EARLIER. WE UNDERSTAND HE HAD EARLIER VISITED WASHINGTON BUT DID NOT CALL ON DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.)

2. ALTHOUGH KONSTANTINOV NOW HAS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, WE NEVERTHELESS REVIEWED BRIEFLY MOST OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED BY RICHMOND WITH HIM LAST NOVEMBER IN SOFIA. MEETING WAS USEFUL IN HELPING BULGARIANS UNDERSTAND POSSIBILITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES WITH U.S. KOSSEV APPEARED INTERESTED IN UNIVERSITY LECTURER EXCHANGE AND
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REQUESTED LIST OF U.S. UNIVERSITIES INTERESTED IN BULGARIAN STUDIES. WE IN TURN RENEWED OUR INTEREST IN HAVING AN AMERICAN LECTURER IN BULGARIA.

3. RE IV PROGRAM PROPOSALS MADE BY EMBASSY, KONSTANTINOV
REPORTED THAT AN ARCHITECT, LUBEN TONEV, WOULD BE
NOMINATED, AND THAT OTHER NOMINATIONS WOULD FOLLOW. SINCE
BULGARIANS DO NOT UNDERSTAND U.S. EDUCATION SYSTEM AND
HOW EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INTERACT IN U.S. HIGHER EDUCA-
TION, WE SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF AN IV GRANT FOR A
BULGARIAN IN FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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